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TO: Montana State Senate Taxation Committee Chairman Essmann &
Members of the Committee

FR: Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT Research

RE: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF
DIRECTOR DAN BUCKS – DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (SR36)

Without personal or professional hesitation, I am very honored to support SR36 and the re-confirmation of Director Dan Bucks as Director of the Montana Director of Revenue.

During the current legislative session I have spent 30+ hearings with Mr. Bucks, and probably as many more in 2005 through 2007, as well as a dozen or more interim committee hearings and other meetings going back over the previous 4 years. I remain convinced that Mr. Bucks is "the" most knowledgeable (both on policy and practical administrative matters) agency director I have encountered, speaks directly and candidly with all parties, knows who he works for and takes very seriously his responsibilities as Director of the Department of Revenue. Director Bucks re-built both the organizational strength of DoR as well as the morale and working relationships among our membership at DoR. The people and State of Montana are very well served by the continued leadership, diligence, and integrity of Dan Bucks as Director of the Department of Revenue.

Please vote "yes" for re-confirmation of Director Dan Bucks at the Committee's and Senate's earliest convenience.

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